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*Policy
JPRS Priorities
(matrix)*

11 June 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

FROM:
Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

SUBJECT: Advance Work Plan: JPRS Priorities

REFERENCE: AWP, Management Goal Number 3

1. My AWP calls for "a review of the mechanisms by which JPRS priorities are ordered to ensure their conformity to production needs and available resources." This memorandum constitutes a report to you on the results of the review.

2. Decisions on expenditures for JPRS translations are made according to intelligence priorities as expressed in DCID 1/2 and in NPAC priority rankings. Attachment A is a matrix for FY 1979 expenditures as allocated on a basis of a scale by priority country. Worldwide issues, e.g., narcotics, Law of the Sea, etc. are handled on a separate, but similar scale. Attachment B lists the number of pages published in FY 1979 using the same priority scale. The matrices are updated each quarter or more often as warranted.

3. Specific items proposed for translation are evaluated by the program officers in each of the three geographic divisions of the Production Group. The seven levels in the matrix contained in Attachment A provide the basic guideline for judgment. The decision as to the intelligence value of the translation is measured against funds available for the area of responsibility assigned to the program officer. Additional factors used in determining the intelligence value of a proposal are the nature of the specific subject matter, the extent of consumer interest, and the potential use of the translation. These are determined in consultation with appropriate components.

4. Overall planning of the translation program is the responsibility of the Chief, Production Group. He reviews expenditures for the JPRS program in detail each month. This

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review includes projections of annual expenditures at current rates. Toward the end of the fiscal year, the expenditures are reviewed weekly or more often as required to ensure careful control of obligations for JPRS independent contractors. Attachment C is a copy of the May 1980 report of expenditures.

5. ORD is studying the feasibility of automating the translation selection and record-keeping process, which would make the tracking of expenditures more efficient. With an automated system, we would have a more reliable, updated record of expenditures available on a daily basis.

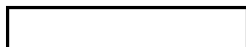
6. The record of the past year reflects a direct correlation between funding levels and the intelligence priority assigned to a given topic.




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Attachments:

- A. JPRS Expenditures
- B. JPRS Pages
- C. JPRS Program



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